

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording medium controller detects the type of the record format of a recording medium, and sends detection signals to a CPU. The CPU judges whether the record format is suitable for high-speed recording or not. In a case of a general-purpose record format, the CPU detects the presence or absence of existing data in the recording medium. When the existing data is present, whole existing data is stored from the recording medium into an evacuated data area of an internal memory. Upon completing the evacuation of existing data, the recording medium controller reformats the recording medium. Then, moving image data is recorded on the reformatted recording medium. Upon completing the record of whole moving image data, existing data is reconstructed in the recording medium.